

Thornberry
Thune
Tiahrt
Traficant

Walsh
Wamp
Waters
Watts (OK)

Weygand
Whitfield
Young (AK)

NOES—227

Ackerman
Aderholt
Allen
Archer
Armey
Baesler
Bass
Bateman
Becerra
Bentsen
Berman
Berry
Bilbray
Bishop
Blagojevich
Bliley
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brady
Brown (CA)
Brown (FL)
Bryant
Burr
Buyer
Camp
Canady
Cannon
Capps
Carson
Castle
Chabot
Clement
Clyburn
Coble
Conyers
Cummings
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
Davis (VA)
Delahunt
DeLauro
DeLay
Deutsch
Dickey
Dingell
Doggett
Dooley
Edwards
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Engel
Eshoo
Evans
Ewing
Farr
Fattah
Fawell
Fazio
Ford
Fox
Frank (MA)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frost
Furse
Ganske
Gejdenson
Gekas
Gilchrest
Gilman
Gonzalez
Goodlatte

Gordon
Granger
Green
Greenwood
Gutierrez
Gutknecht
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hamilton
Hastert
Hastings (FL)
Hefner
Hilliard
Hinojosa
Hobson
Hoekstra
Holden
Hooley
Horn
Houghton
Hyde
Inglis
Jefferson
Jenkins
John
Johnson (CT)
Johnson (WI)
Johnson, E. B.
Kanjorski
Kasich
Kelly
Kennedy (MA)
Kennedy (RI)
Kennelly
Kilpatrick
Kind (WI)
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaFalce
Lampson
Lantos
Latham
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Linder
Lofgren
Lowey
Luther
Maloney (NY)
Manton
Markey
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCollum
McDermott
McGovern
McHale
Meehan
Meek
Minge
Moakley
Mollohan
Moran (VA)
Morella
Nadler
Neal
Nethercutt
Northup
Nussle
Owens
Oxley
Packard
Pastor
Paxon
Pease
Pelosi

Peterson (MN)
Peterson (PA)
Pickett
Pitts
Pomeroy
Porter
Portman
Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Quinn
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Reyes
Rodriguez
Roemer
Rogan
Rogers
Rothman
Roukema
Roybal-Allard
Rush
Sabo
Sanchez
Sandlin
Sawyer
Schumer
Scott
Serrano
Shaw
Shays
Shimkus
Shuster
Sisisky
Skaggs
Skeen
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (OR)
Smith (TX)
Smith, Adam
Spratt
Stabenow
Stark
Stenholm
Stokes
Stupak
Tanner
Tauscher
Tauzin
Taylor (MS)
Thompson
Thurman
Tierney
Torres
Turner
Upton
Velazquez
Vento
Visclosky
Watkins
Watt (NC)
Waxman
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
Wexler
White
Wicker
Wise
Wolf
Woolsey
Wynn
Yates
Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—28

Andrews
Baker
Barrett (NE)
Barton
Blumenauer
Borski
Bunning
Callahan
Clay
Costello

Crane
DeGette
Dicks
Dreier
Etheridge
Flake
Foglietta
Harman
Hinchey

Johnson, Sam
Klug
McCrery
Millender-
Dunn
Schaefer, Dan
Schiff
Sensenbrenner
Towns

On this vote:

Mr. Dan Schaefer of Colorado, for with Ms. Dunn against.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas and Messrs. DAVIS of Illinois, FAWELL, SERRANO, EDWARDS, and GUTIERREZ changed their vote from "aye" to "no."

Mr. PAYNE changed his vote from "no" to "aye."

So the amendment in the nature of a substitute was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska. Mr. Chairman, I was unable to be present for the vote on the Rohrabacher substitute amendment to H.R. 400. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. UPTON) having assumed the chair, Mr. LAHOOD, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 400) to amend title 35, United States Code, with respect to patents, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM AND OVERSIGHT

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
April 17, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I hereby resign from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight effective April 17, 1997.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

TIM HOLDEN,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Resources:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 17, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I hereby resign from the Committee on Resources, effective April 17, 1997.

Sincerely,

NICK LAMPSON,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Science:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
April 17, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER, I hereby resign from the Committee on Science.

Sincerely,

LLOYD DOGGETT.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

CONCERNING PROMOTION OF PEACE, STABILITY, AND DEMOCRACY IN ZAIRE

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on International Relations be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 115) concerning the promotion of peace, stability, and democracy in Zaire, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and it is not my intention to object, I yield to the gentleman from California [Mr. ROYCE] the chairman of the Subcommittee on Africa to explain his unanimous-consent request.

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution has been cleared on both sides of the aisle and no recorded votes are anticipated.

Mr. Speaker, we have seen the headlines. Zaire is in crisis. Its government has collapsed, having lost much of its territory to rebel forces. There is humanitarian suffering throughout the country. This is a complex crisis.

Mr. Speaker, one of these forces has been a constant throughout this, and that has been the corrupt and despotic rule of President Mobutu. For more than 30 years, Mr. Mobutu has ruled Zaire with disdain for its people. Zaire is now politically collapsed. It is also economically collapsed. What should be a prosperous country is now one of the world's poorest.

Meanwhile, Mr. Mobutu is one of the world's wealthiest men. Simply put, Mobutu has bled Zaire. Repairing this economic damage will not be easy. Repairing the political damage of Mobutu will be a bigger challenge. The immediate task is to stop the fighting, develop a transitional government, and start on the path toward democracy.

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The Clerk announced the following pair: